



# McCleary Special City Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 03, 2023 – 6:00 PM

McCleary City Hall Council Chambers

## Minutes

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### Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

#### PRESENT

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Max Ross

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Joy Iversen

#### ABSENT

Councilmember Jenna Amsbury

Mayor Chris Miller

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Iversen to excuse Councilmember Amsbury

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

### Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Councilmember Dahl asked to add Public Comment to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Dahl, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

### New Business

#### 1. Emergency IT Briefing

##### PUBLIC COMMENT -

Carri Comer wanted to thank the number of people that offered input at the last Council Meeting, she thought it was very resourceful .

Chad Bedlington stated we have had an IT Emergency. Over the weekend, part of our data server failed which is pretty much all of our operating data. We have backed up data since February, so we've lost about 3 months worth of data. We've been able to stand back up a little bit; we can pay bills, accounts payable, customers can pay their bills and conduct business. We can access Email and Springbrook. Our goal is to restore our IT infrastructure and our data systems and establishing some of our security protocols. There are a lot of things that have been neglected that we want to move forward with. The costs are significant and unbudgeted, so that's why we are here tonight.

Councilmember Huff would like an independent analysis come in to tell us what happened and how it happened so we have a better understanding from the outside. Councilmember Ross asked if it was a 3rd party assessment that was included. Chad said it was. He's trying to come up with some solutions

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for paying for this that do not require a budget amendment. Councilmember Dahl wanted to know what caused this to happen? A power outage or was it overloaded? Tyson Ryder handed out some information on what was handed over to him when he took over from our previous IT person. Tyson stated age, usage, power surges can cause this to happen. It's hard to narrow down what happened. Councilmember Ross asked what their recommendation is moving forward to get the City functioning? Chad stated an IT replacement program would be the approach they'd like to take. Their goal for the future is budgeting around \$10,000 - \$16,000 for this across all funds. Tyson stated this would be in-house equipment and cloud components.

Chad Bedlington said we will bring to Council the Professional Services Agreements.

Councilmember Iversen wanted to know what it was we lost and if it's going to be recoverable. Chad stated we don't know at this point. We do know its some documents, spreadsheets and anything saved to our network. He isn't sure the extent of our loss yet. It is possible to get some of this data back, but it's at a very large cost.

Carri Comer asked if we lost any other information besides those documents. Chad stated it was mostly just production data that we lost. Councilmember Ross asked what the timeline was for getting back on track. We know it'll be at least 2-3 weeks if hardware is ordered tomorrow.

Chad stated this is an emergency situation and we need the council aware and we are doing this in the most cost effective way as possible and we need to deploy this as soon as possible. We don't need a council vote on this, its just for Council's information.

Jaron Heller asked what the City was planning on cutting from the Capital Funds to pay for this. Chad stated we had 3 vehicles budgeted that totaled about \$190,000 across all funds, we plan on delaying replacement of those vehicles and using the old vehicles 1 more year. Councilmember Huff suggested still doing a budget modification for this. Chad agrees with that idea. They will try to have a budget modification for the next council meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carri Comer asked if there would be a report of information that was lost between February and now. Chad stated we don't know yet. Carri asked if any HR related information was lost because there was a lot going on during that timeframe. Chad said he would try to report back at the next meeting what information was lost.

Monica Reeves stated what was lost is pretty significant and would like the City to try to get everything back, she knows it's expensive. Chad stated they can try to get a cost for recovery back to Council.

Bob Dahl asked if there can be a litigation for people requesting PIR and we cannot fulfill them because the information is lost. Chad didn't know for sure, but some of the PIR's might just need to be extended.

Kyle Comer stated, at a time when the City is trying to gain the public's trust, I think every effort should be made to try and recover the information.

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

Motion made by Councilmember Iversen, Seconded by Councilmember Ross.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Iversen

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